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Note by the President of the Security Council

1. The members of the Security Council, recognizing the importance of timely, full and effective dissemination of its resolutions and presidential statements, as well as statements to the press by its President on behalf of its members to the international community, in particular their communication to those concerned, have indicated their agreement to the continuation and strengthening of the current practice as follows:

(a) The President of the Security Council should, when so requested by the Council members, and without prejudice to his/her responsibilities as President, draw the attention of the Representative(s) of the Member State(s) as well as regional organizations and arrangements concerned to relevant statements to the press made by the President on behalf of Council members or decisions of the Council;

(b) The Secretariat should also continue to bring to the knowledge of those concerned including non-State actors through the relevant Special Representatives, Representatives and Envoys of the Secretary-General and United Nations Resident Coordinators, resolutions and presidential statements of the Security Council as well as statements to the press made by the President of the Council on behalf of the Council members and ensure their promptest communication and widest possible dissemination;

(c) The Secretariat should further issue, as United Nations press releases, all statements to the press made by the President of the Security Council on behalf of Council members, upon clearance by the President.

2. The members of the Security Council will continue their consideration of other suggestions concerning the Council's documentation and related matters.

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